

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which are devoted to assisting individuals in society who are facing personal failure and the inability to fully function as citizens due to addictions or poor choices in life; and

**Whereas**, Teen Challenge is a faith-based ministry for people with such life-controlling problems as drug and alcohol addiction; and

**Whereas**, founded in 1958, Teen Challenge has expanded its highly successful programs to include more than 250 centers where positive changes are effected in the lives of troubled juveniles and adults; and

**Whereas**, Teen Challenge of the Four States in Neosho, Missouri, opened as a residential facility in 1996, since which time it has proven to be unparalleled as a service organization that helps its participants to turn around their lives and become productive, engaged members of society; and

**Whereas**, first located in a small house on Main Street, Teen Challenge of the Four States outgrew its original facility and moved into the old Nemo Motel near the Neosho downtown square; and

**Whereas**, since 1999 the dream of those intricately involved with Teen Challenge of the Four States has been to pay off old debts and move the facility to a location where the possibility of a vegetable garden and a larger dormitory could be brought into reality; and

**Whereas**, on March 27, 2004, Teen Challenge of the Four States will hold a Grand Opening for its new 6,400-square-foot building which sits on 13.25 acres of land on the outskirts of Neosho; and

**Whereas**, the new building that will enable Teen Challenge of the Four States to house twenty students was constructed without the need of borrowed funds due to the generosity of local benefactors:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar history embodied in the work of Teen Challenge of the Four States, to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon completing the construction of a new residential facility, and to express our best wishes for a highly successful Grand Opening; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Teen Challenge of the Four States program in Neosho, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Kevin Wilson  
District No. 130

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker